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SUBJECT: GOJ POLICY RE FUTURE AID TO OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES

1. IN JANUARY 31 ARTICLE ATTRIBUTED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES, NIHON KEIZAI SHINBUN REPORTED GOJ HAS ADOPTED NEW POLICY WITH RESPECT TO JAPAN'S FUTURE AID TO OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES. REPORTEDLY, WITH RESPECT TO WEALTHY OIL PRODUCERS (DAC GROUP A COUNTRIES), PROJECTS, IF ANY, WILL IN PRINCIPLE BE ENTRUSTED TO JAPANESE PRIVATE ENTERPRISES. WHEN NECESSARY WITH RESPECT TO SUCH PROJECTS, GOJ WOULD PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. WITH RESPECT TO MIDDLE INCOME PRODUCERS (DAC GROUP B COUNTRIES), GOJ WILL CONTINUE PROJECT ASSISTANCE IN THE FUTURE BUT, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, UTILIZE PRIVATE CAPITAL IN SUCH PROJECTS AND MINIMIZE GOJ SHARE. IN CASE OF LOW INCOME OIL PRODUCERS, GOJ WILL CONTINUE PROJECT AID AS IN THE PAST, BUT WILL NO LONGER PROVIDE COMMODITY ASSISTANCE.

2. DURING CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF FEBRUARY 3, FONOFF REP (NISHIMURA, PLANNING DIVISION, ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUREAU) SAID
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CONTENTS OF ARTICLE ARE ROUGHLY IN LINE WITH THINKING IN ECONOMIC

COOPERATION BUREAU OF FONOFF, BUT IT WOULD BE INCORRECT TO SAY NEW POLICY HAD BEEN FORMALLY ADOPTED BY GOJ. FONOFF ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUREAU IS OVERWHELMINGLY AGAINST ADDITIONAL CONCESSIONAL LOAN AID TO WEALTHY OIL PRODUCERS, HE SAID, BUT WOULD APPROVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SUCH COUNTRIES. FINANCE MINISTRY AND ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY ARE ALSO MORE OR LESS SYMPATHETIC TO APPROACH REPORTED BY NIHON KEIZAI. OTHER HAND, HE SAID, MIDDLE EAST BUREAU WITHIN FONOFF FEELS THAT, TO ASSURE CONTINUED SUPPLIES OF OIL, GOVERNMENT CONCESSIONAL LOAN AID SHOULD BE CONTINUED EVEN TO WEALTHY PRODUCERS. MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY IS MORE OR LESS SYMPATHETIC TO THIS APPROACH.

3. NISHIMURA EMPHASIZED THAT APPROACH OUTLINED PARA 1 WOULD HAVE NO EFFECT ON EXISTING GOJ AID COMMITMENTS. GOJ POSITION IS THAT AID COMMITMENTS MADE TO OIL PRODUCERS WILL BE FULFILLED.
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